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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THE GREAT FOREST...

SEEMS LIKE I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK THESE PAST FEW DAYS.

FIRST KING MAX GETS COLD-COCKED UPSIDE HIS HEAD BECAUSE I WAS BUSY RESCUING THE PRINCE...

...AND NOW I'VE LOST THE ROYAL SWORD OF ACORNS TO ROBOTNIK.

IT WAS THE ONLY HOPE I HAD OF FREEING UNCLE CHUCK AND THE REST O' THE ROBBIANS FROM HIS CONTROL, TOO

I REALLY BLEW IT.

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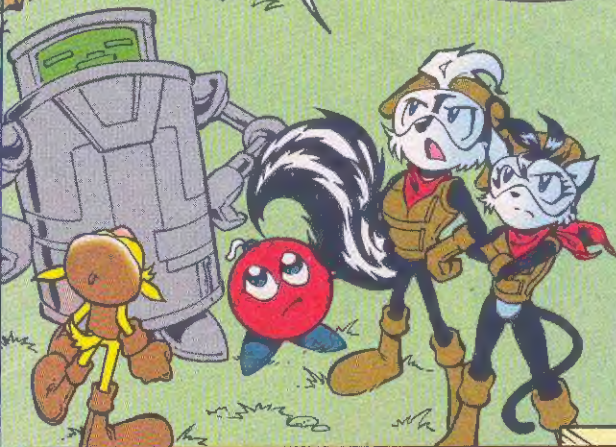
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SIR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
I HEREBY PLACE YOU UNDER
ARREST FOR THE THEFT OF A
ROYAL ARTIFACT--

ARREST?!

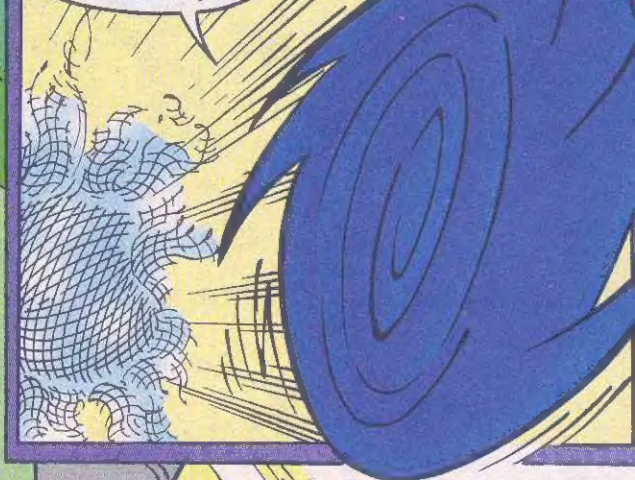


I WAS WRONG
THEN. NOW, I'M
CORRECTING
MY MISTAKE.

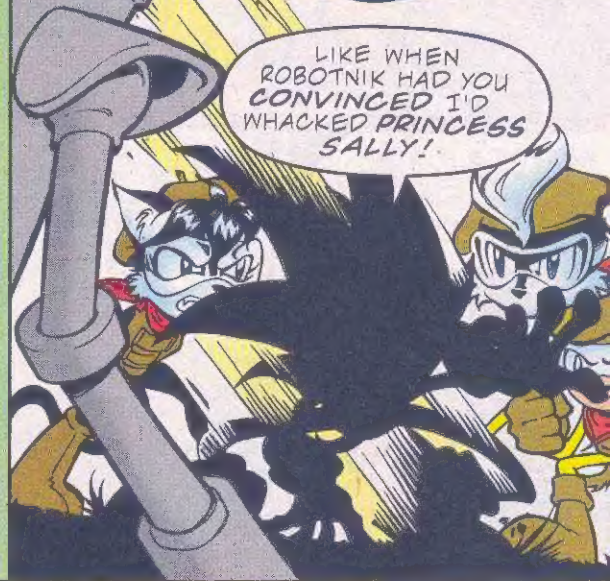
I DON'T
HAVE TO ANSWER
TO YOU!



HAVEN'T WE
BEEN THROUGH
THIS ALREADY,
ST. JOHN?



LIKE WHEN
ROBOTNIK HAD YOU
CONVINCED I'D
WHACKED PRINCESS
SALLY!



BUT YOU
HAVE TO
ANSWER TO
SOMEONE,
RIGHT?



ROBOTROPOLIS...

KEEP MOVING IN
AN ORDERLY
FASHION.

GRANDMA, I'M
NOT SURE I FEEL
SAFE HERE.

NOR I.
HOPE. NOR I.

WELL, IT'S A STEP
UP FROM BEING SET
UPON BY MONKEYS
AND HEDGEHOGS.
ISN'T IT?

AHHH, MY
"PEEPS"--WELCOME
TO THE CITY OF
THE FUTURE.
DON'T MIND THE
APPEARANCE.

IT'S
EQUIPPED WITH
ACCOMMODA-
TIONS FOR
EVERYONE.
HERE YOU'LL BE
SAFE FROM
DANGER!

HOORAY!

AS FOR
YOU, COLIN,
ANY BROTHER
OF MINE
DESERVES NO
LESS THAN A
LUXURY SUITE
AT MY
PALACE!

AND BENEATH
THE CITY
STREETS...

HA! THE
SWORD OF ACORNS
BELONGS TO
KODOS!

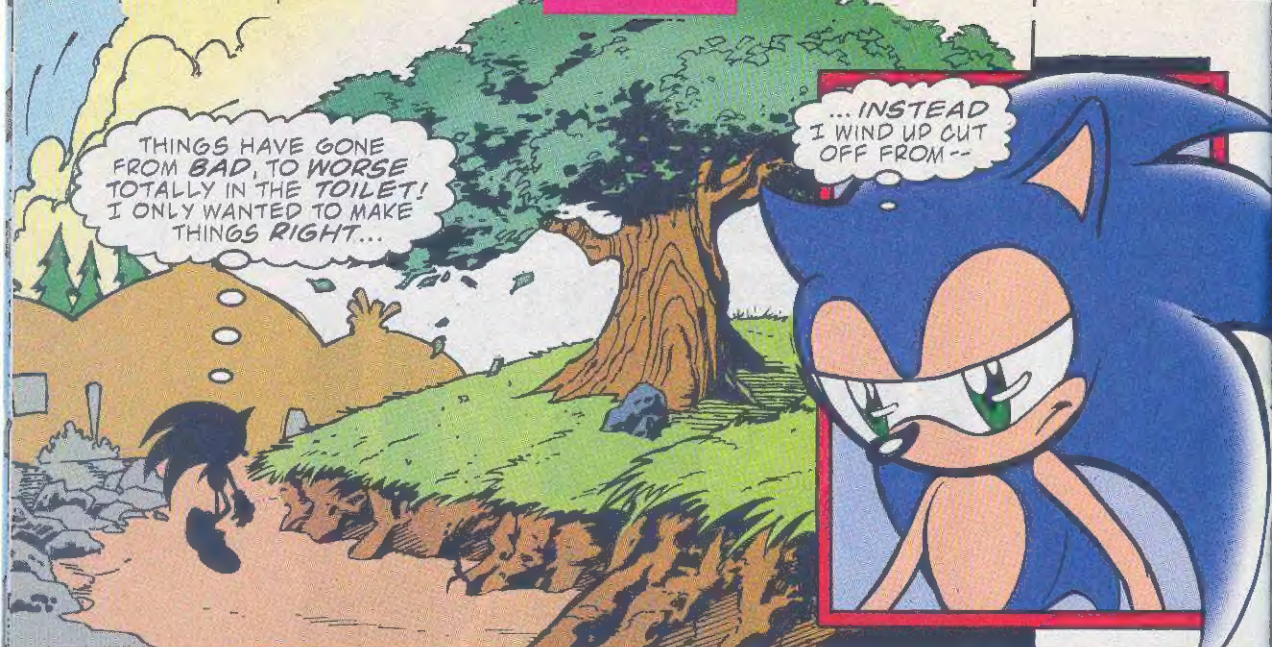
NOW, I HOLD ALL
THE CARDS! SOON
I'LL HAVE SONIC AND
ROBOTNIK JUMPING
THROUGH HOOPS FOR
ME!

I WON'T
NEED
ANY-
THING...

...OR
ANYONE!

WMM





THINGS HAVE GONE
FROM BAD, TO WORSE
TOTALLY IN THE TOILET!
I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE
THINGS RIGHT...

... INSTEAD
I WIND UP CUT
OFF FROM --

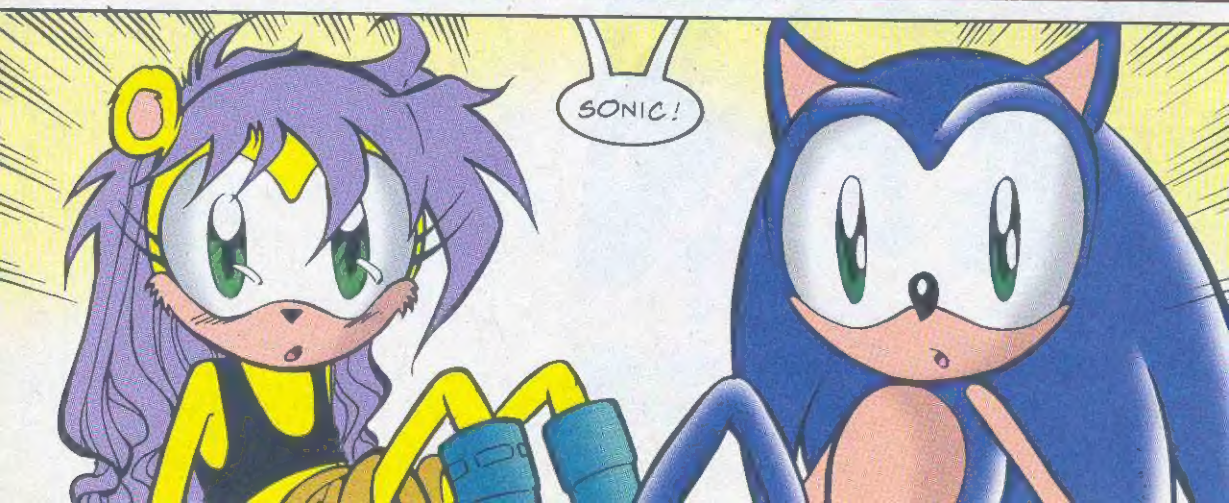
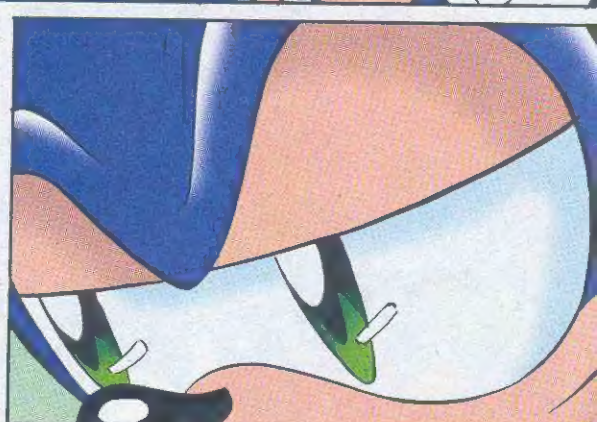
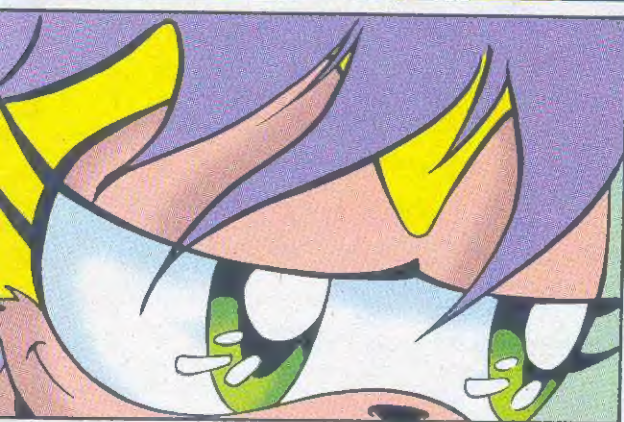
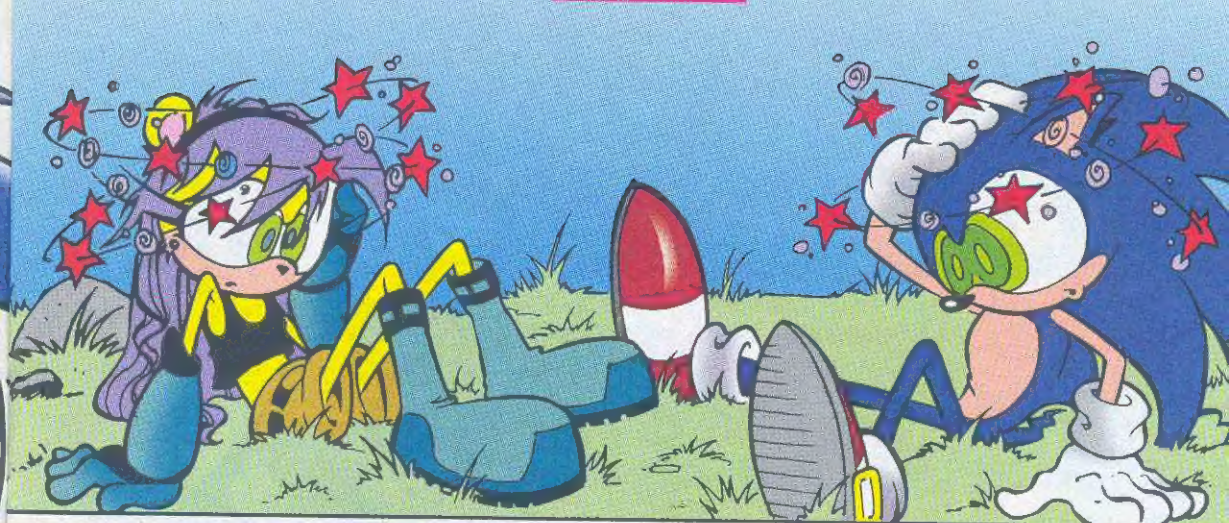
SONIC--
YOU'RE NOT
IN JAIL!
YAAAAAY!

I KNEW
YOU'D SHOW--

WHOOAAA!!

MINA?

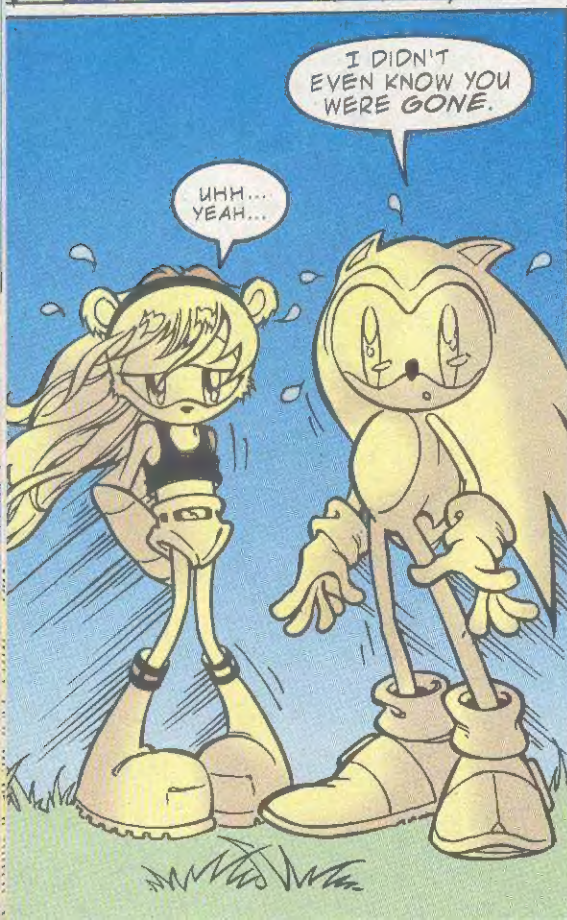
SPL-DOW





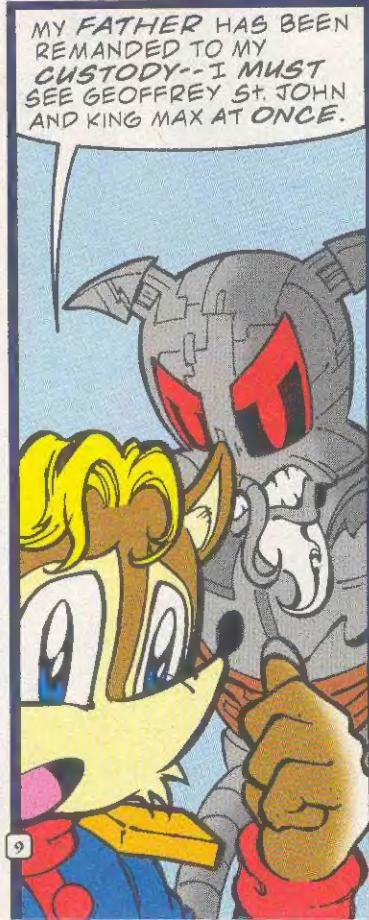
YES, SON-EEK.
WE'VE JUST ARRIVED
FROM ZEE KINGDOM
OF MERCIA.

ANTOINE?
BUNNIE? AND
GENERAL
D'COOLETTE?



I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW YOU
WERE GONE.

UHH...
YEAH...



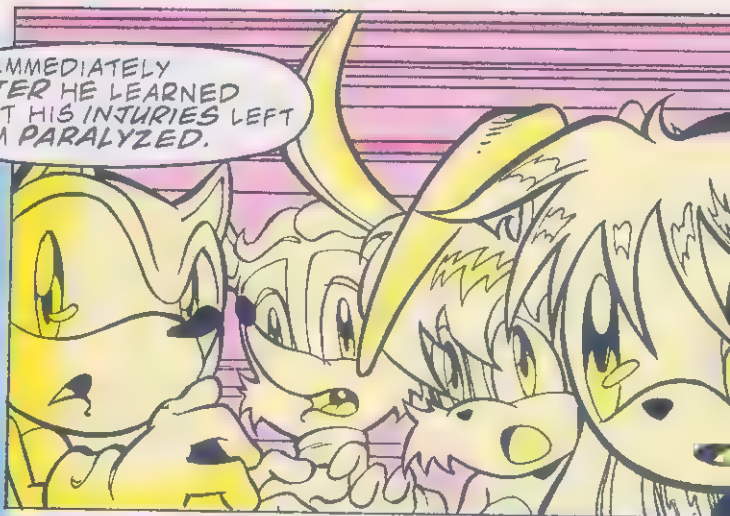
MY FATHER HAS BEEN
REMANDED TO MY
CUSTODY--I MUST
SEE GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
AND KING MAX AT ONCE.



NOT GOING
TO HAPPEN,
SON.

YOU'LL HAVE TO
GIVE HIM OVER TO
GEOFFREY AND ELIAS.
MAX TURNED HIS
AUTHORITY OVER TO
THE PRINCE...

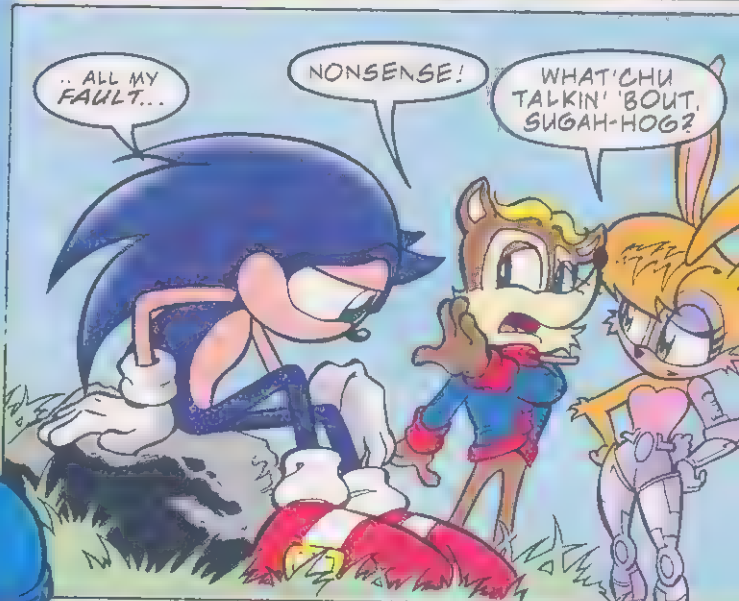
...MEDIATELY
AFTER HE LEARNED
THAT HIS INJURIES LEFT
HIM PARALYZED.



... ALL MY
FAULT...

NONSENSE!

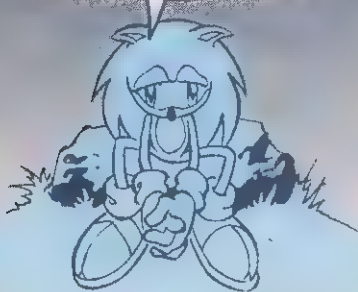
WHAT'CHU
TALKIN' 'BOUT,
SUGAH-HOG?



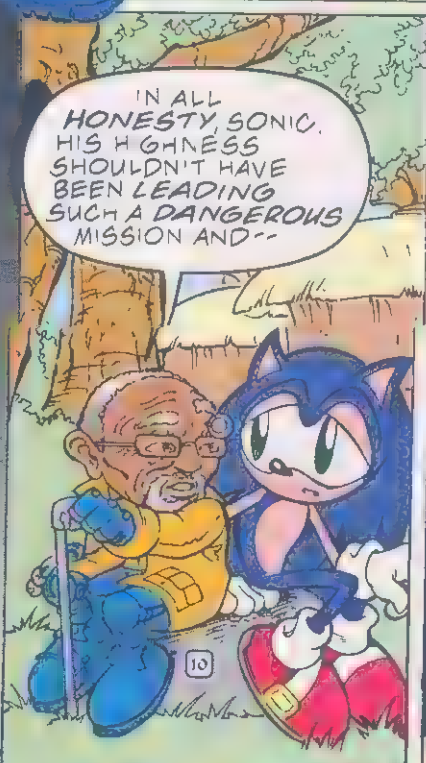
KING MAX GOT
HURT BECAUSE I
DIDN'T PROTECT HIM
WHEN WE BUSTED INTO
ROBOTNIK'S BASE...

...THEN I TOOK
HIS SWORD. I
FIGURED SALLY AND
ELIAS WERE BUSY
AND I JUST COULDN'T
WAIT.

NOW, ROBOTNIK'S
GOT IT. WHEN ELIAS
TRIED TO FIND OUT
ABOUT IT, I BLEW HIM
OFF.

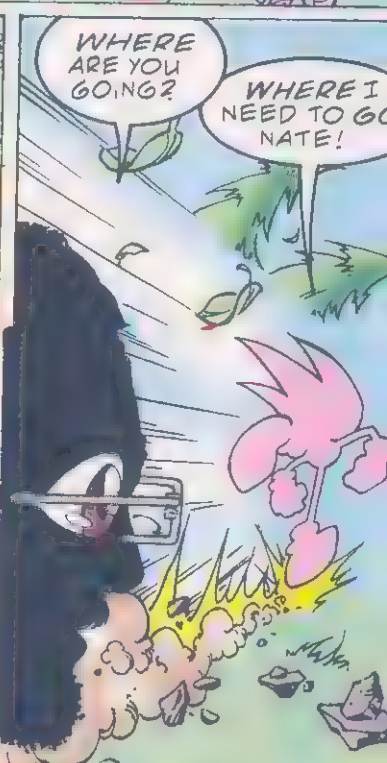


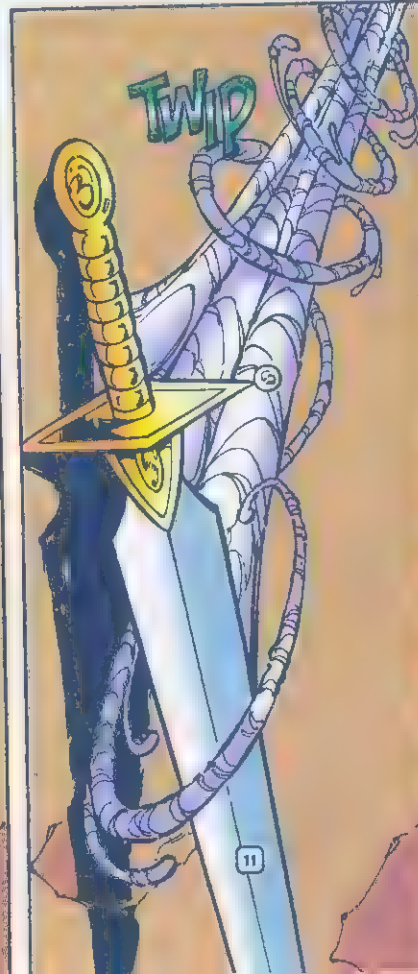
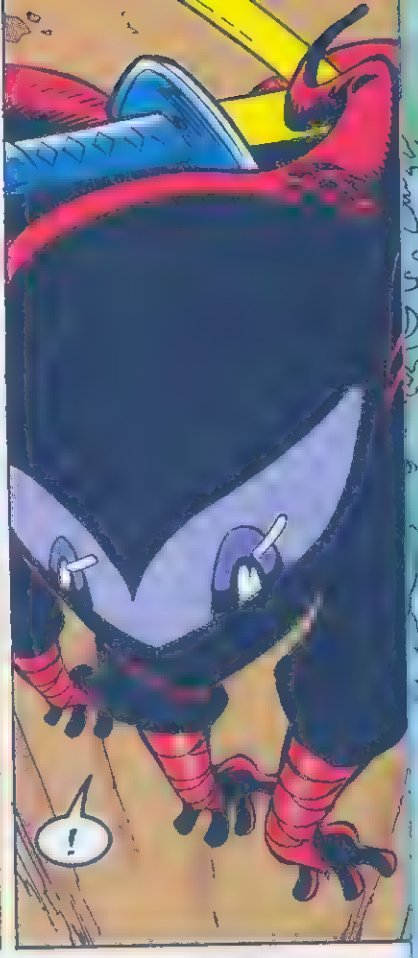
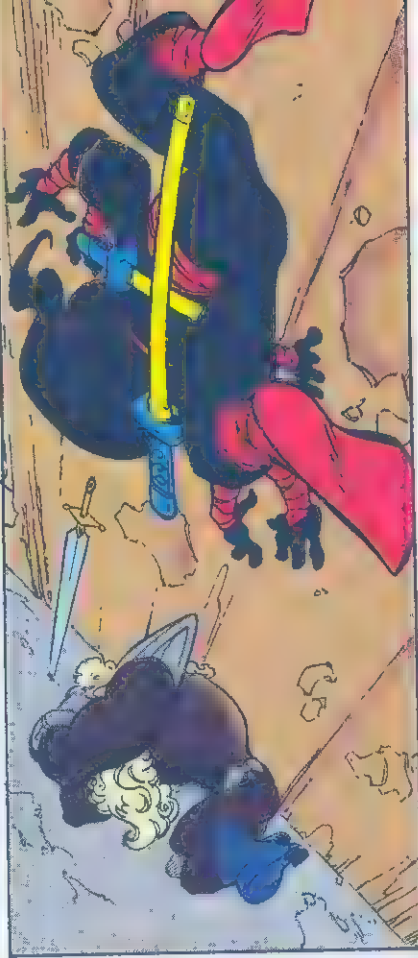
IN ALL
HONESTY, SONIC,
HIS HIGHNESS
SHOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN LEADING
SUCH A DANGEROUS
MISSION AND--

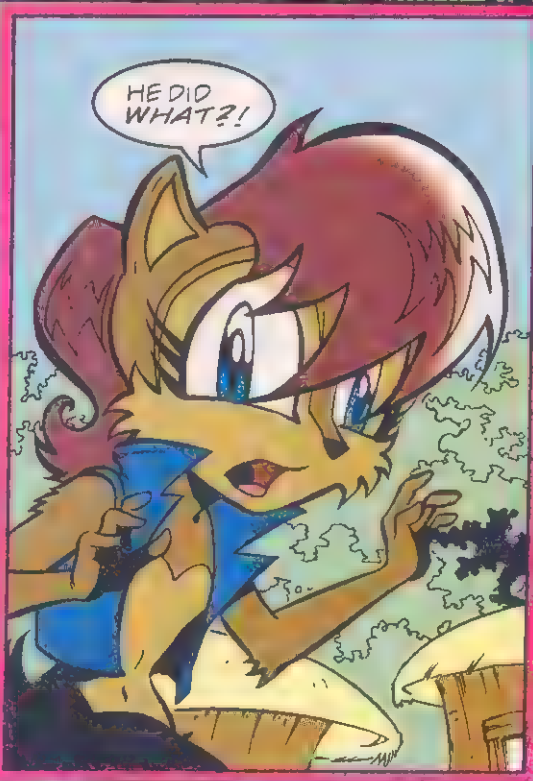


WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

WHERE I
NEED TO GO
NATE!



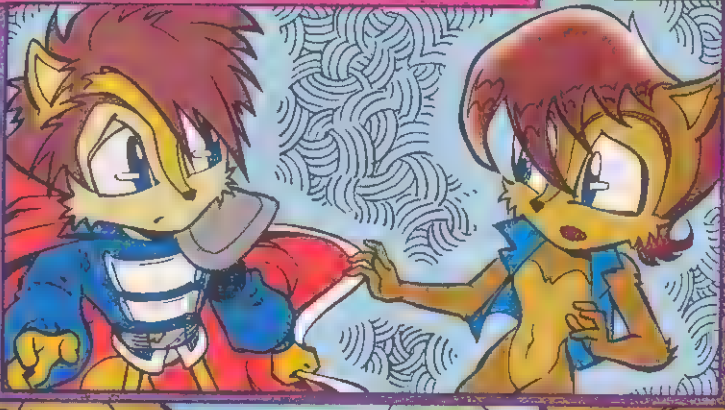




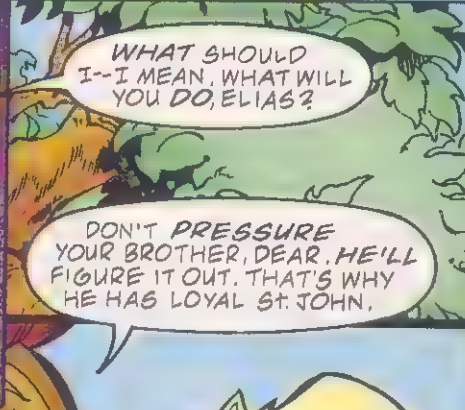
HE DID
WHAT?!



STOLE THE
SWORD, AND NO ONE
KNOWS WHY. HE
REFUSES TO EXPLAIN
HIS ACTIONS.



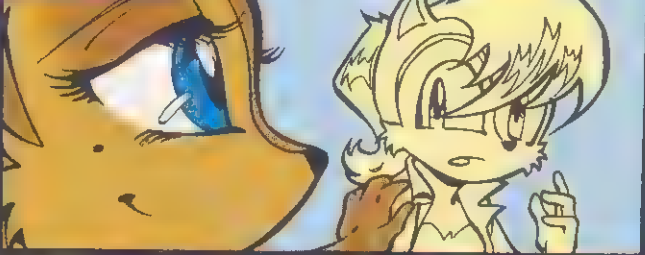
WHAT SHOULD
I--I MEAN, WHAT WILL
YOU DO, ELIAS?



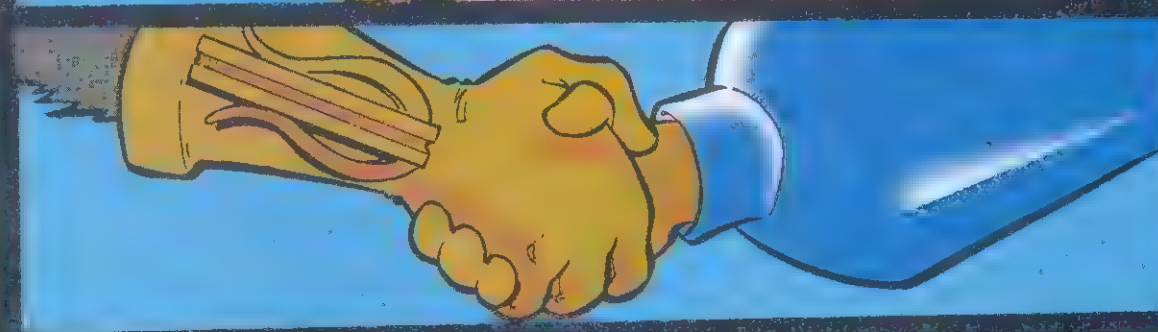
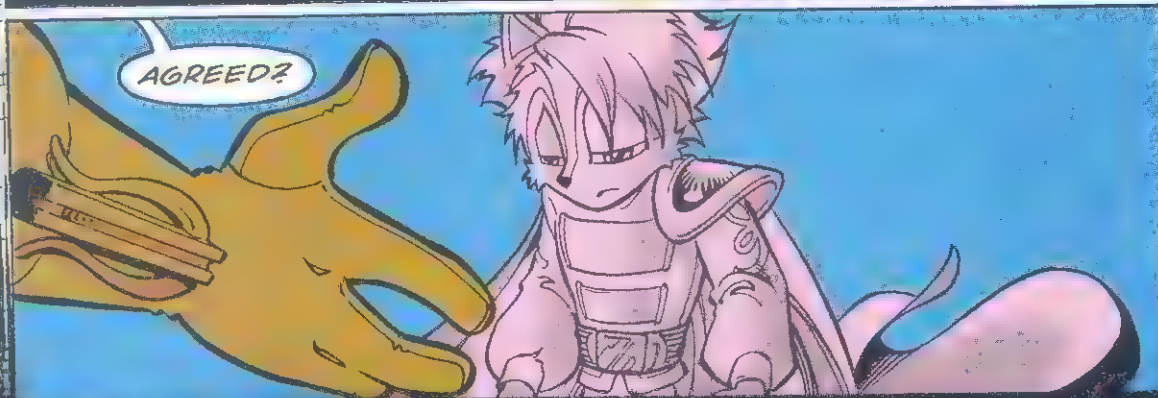
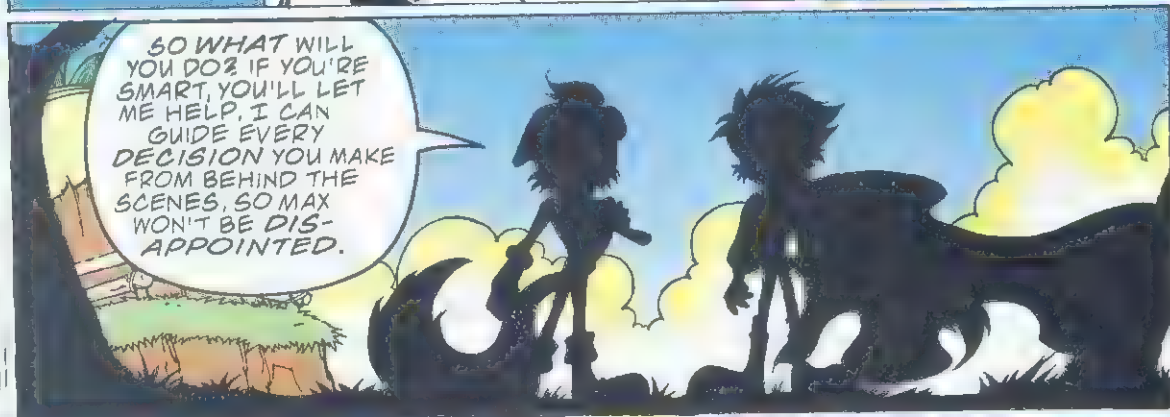
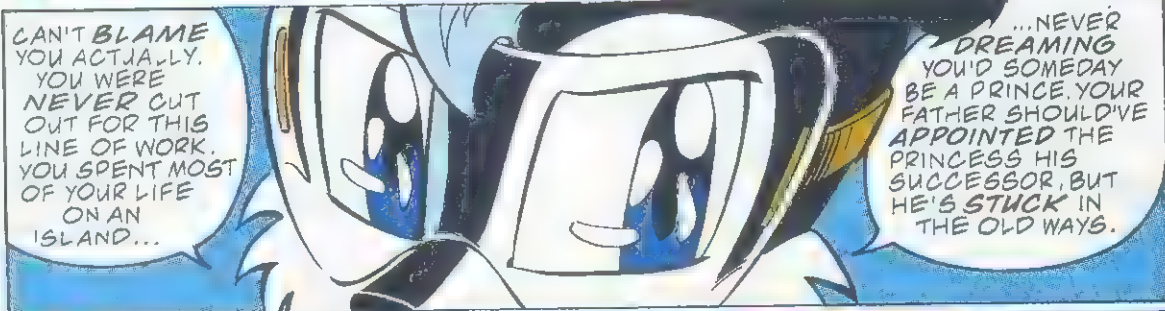
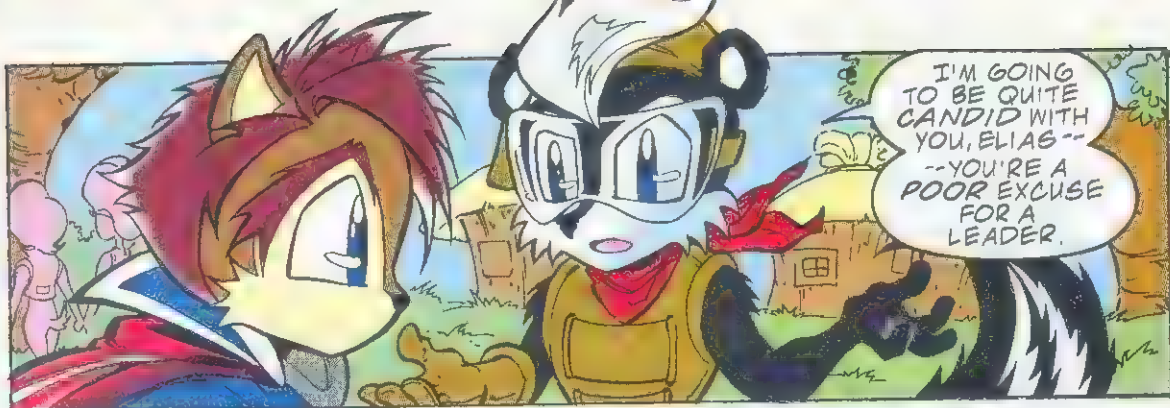
DON'T PRESSURE
YOUR BROTHER, DEAR. HE'LL
FIGURE IT OUT. THAT'S WHY
HE HAS LOYAL ST. JOHN.

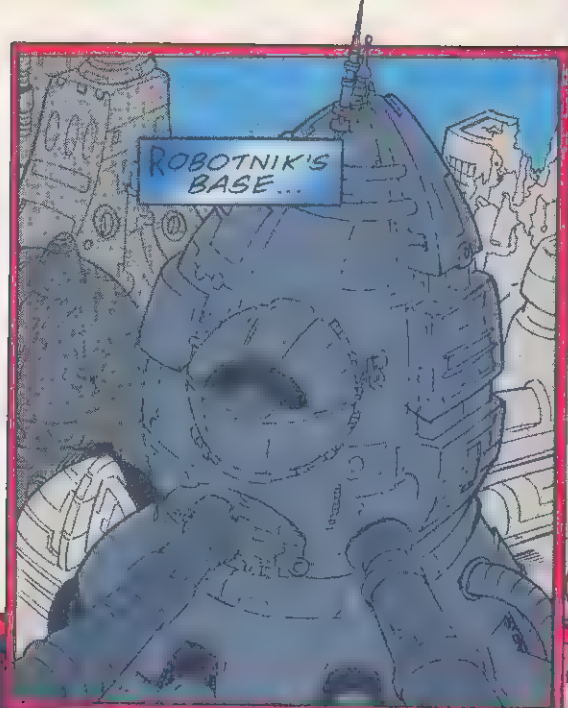


WHY DON'T
WE GO ABOUT
GETTING ME
SOMETHING
DECENT TO
WEAR?

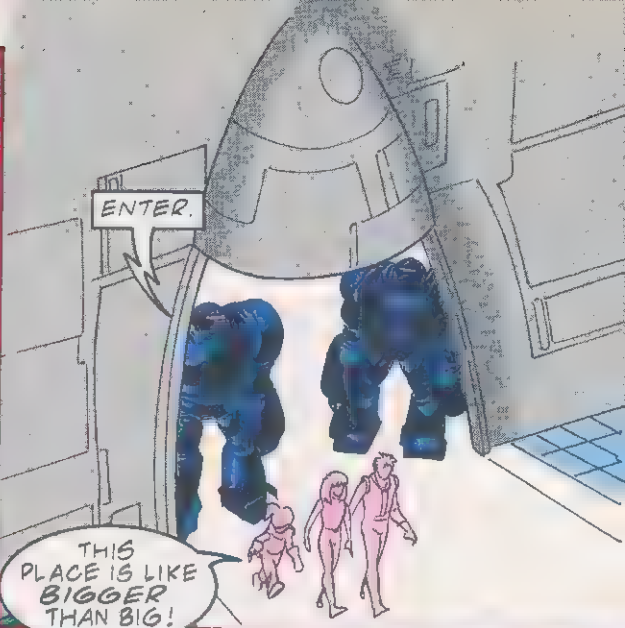


SOUNDS LIKE
A CAPITAL IDEA,
YOUR MAJESTY.
IT WILL GIVE ME
LEAVE TO ADE-
QUATELY COUNCIL
THE PRINCE.





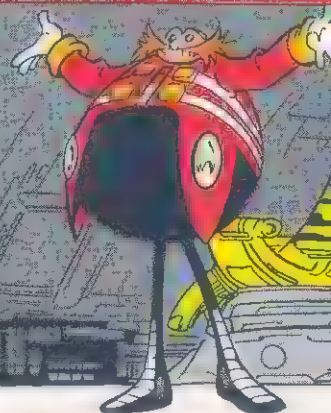
ROBOTNIK'S
BASE...



ENTER.

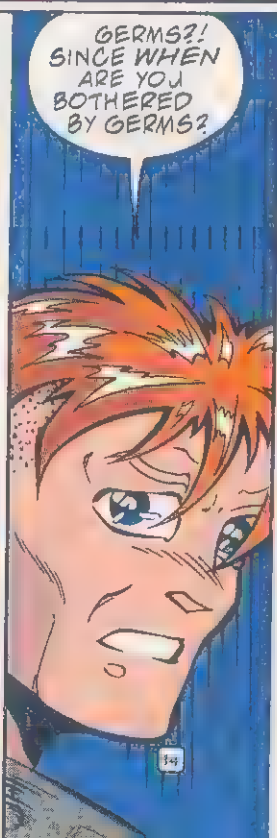
THIS
PLACE IS LIKE
BIGGER
THAN BIG!

AH, COLIN!
WELCOME--SPLENDID
TO SEE YOU AFTER
A DECADE OR SO.



IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
TOO,
JULIAN.

PLEASE
NO TOUCHING
...GERMS,
YOU KNOW...

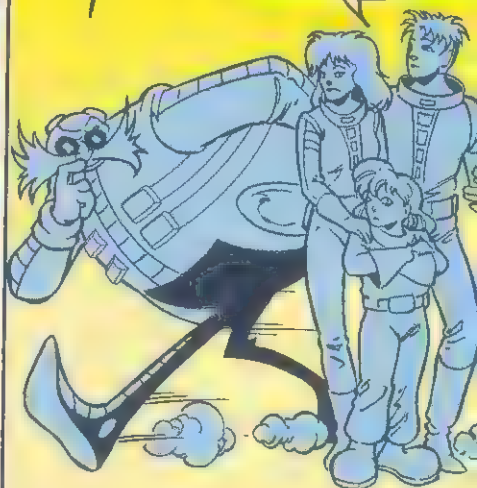


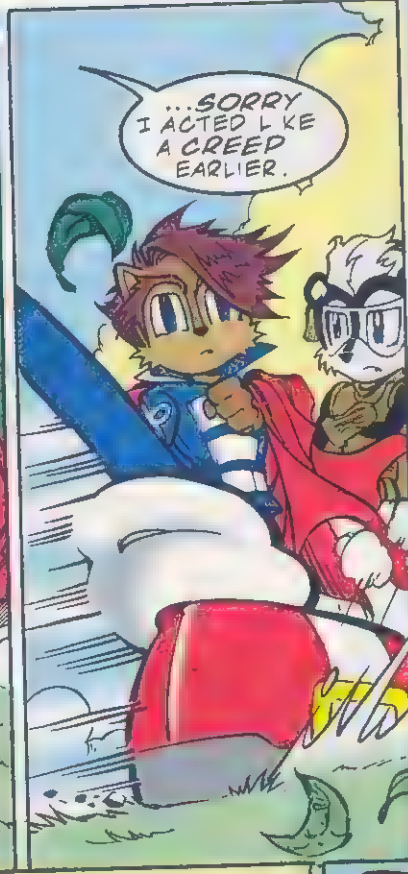
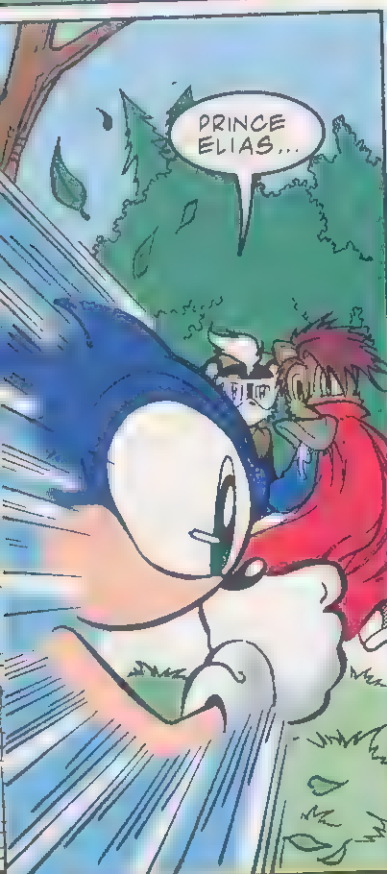
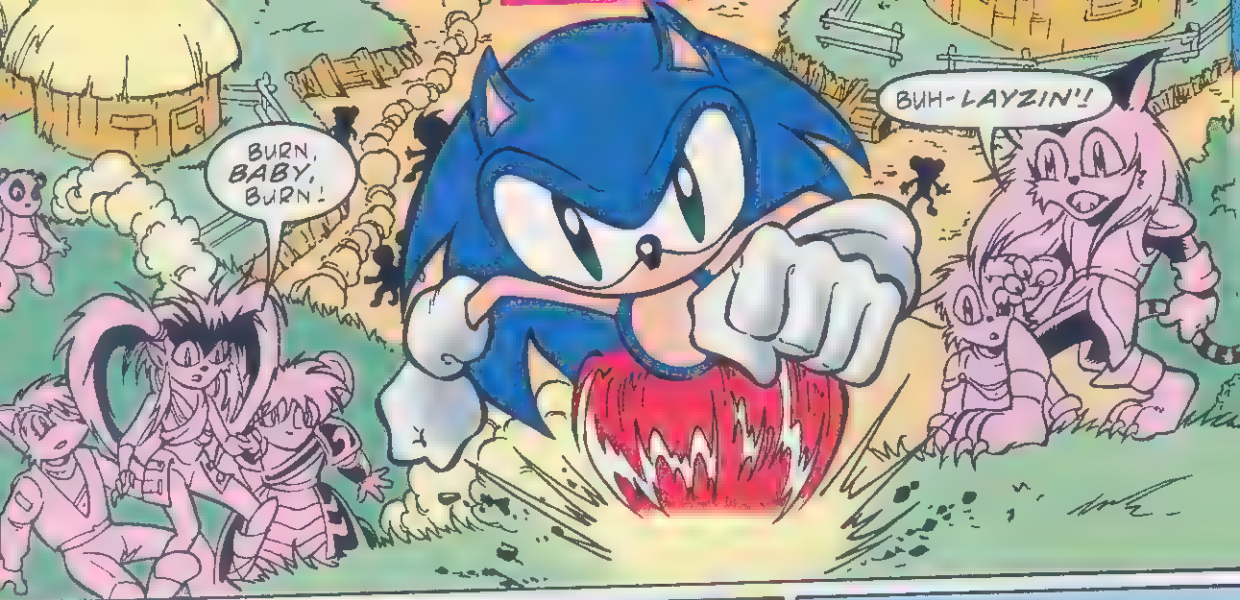
GERMS?!
SINCE WHEN
ARE YOU
BOOTHERED
BY GERMS?

THINGS
CHANGE, AND
WHO ARE
THESE
EXQUISITE
CREATURES,
SEE-KAY?

I
REARRIED
AFTER SNIVELY'S
MOTHER PASSED
AWAY BUT MY
SECOND WIFE
DIDN'T SURVIVE OUR
STAR TREK.

LADYAGNES
IS MY MOTHER-IN-L
AND HOPE IS MY
STEPPAUGHTER.







...SO I'M
DIVESTING
YOU OF YOUR
KNIGHTHOOD
AND, AS A
MINOR...

...YOU ARE
HEREBY
CONFINED TO
THE REALM OF
KNOTHOLE!

NEXT MONTH:
NEW ORDER!

NUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA

BAGGING THE BIG ONE

ON A LAZY, SUMMER DAY, WE FIND HIS ROYAL MAJESTY *PRINCE CHARMY BEE* AND HIS FIANCEE, THE FAIR *SAFRON*, ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF EACH OTHER, UNTIL THEIR REVERIE IS UNEXPECTEDLY BROKEN BY A FLASH OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN...

-- AND AFTER WE'RE MARRIED, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO HAVING THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS --

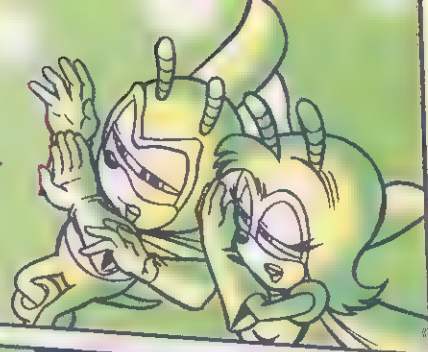
-- HUH!!!

CHARMY!!
WHAT'S THAT?!!

BEATS ME, SAFRON, BUT WHATEVER IT IS --

WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH NUCKLES? PATIENCE, DEAR READER, AND **KEN PENDERS** (WRITER, ARTIST, LETTERER, COLORIST, CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER) ALONG WITH EDITOR **JUSTIN GABRIE** WILL SOON MAKE ALL CLEAR! JUST KEEP GOING

-- IT'S LIKE
NOTHING I
EVER SAW
BEFORE!



WHOA!
THE **SHAPE** IS
FAMILIAR -- BUT
THE **COLOR** --



KNUCKLES?

IS
THAT
YOU?

YOU
SHOULD
TALK!



THAT'S RIGHT! YOU
WEREN'T AROUND WHEN
EVERYONE DISCOVERED
MY **SECRET!**

LOOKS LIKE
YOU **SHOT** UP A
BIT SINCE I LAST
LAID EYES ON
YOU!

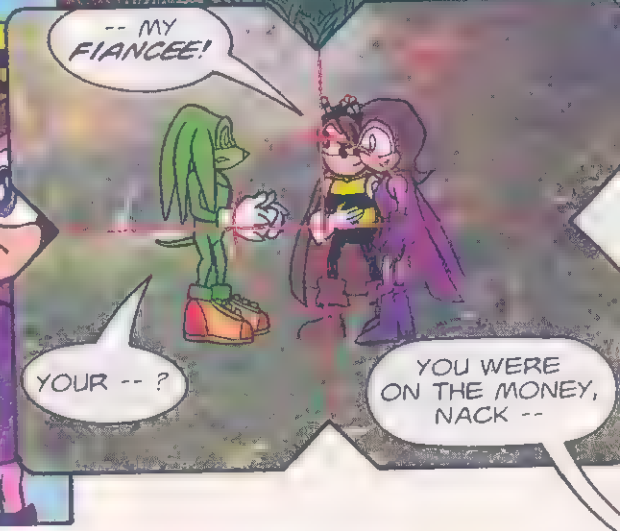
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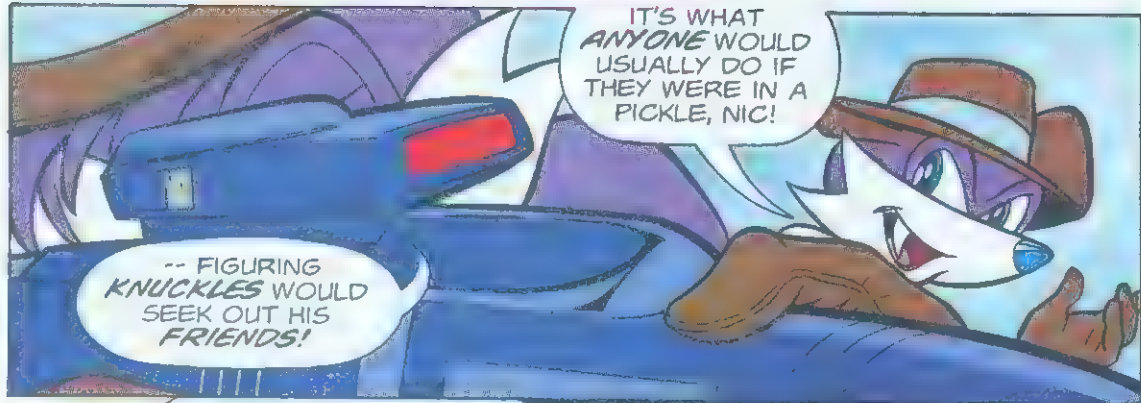
-- MY
FIANCEE!

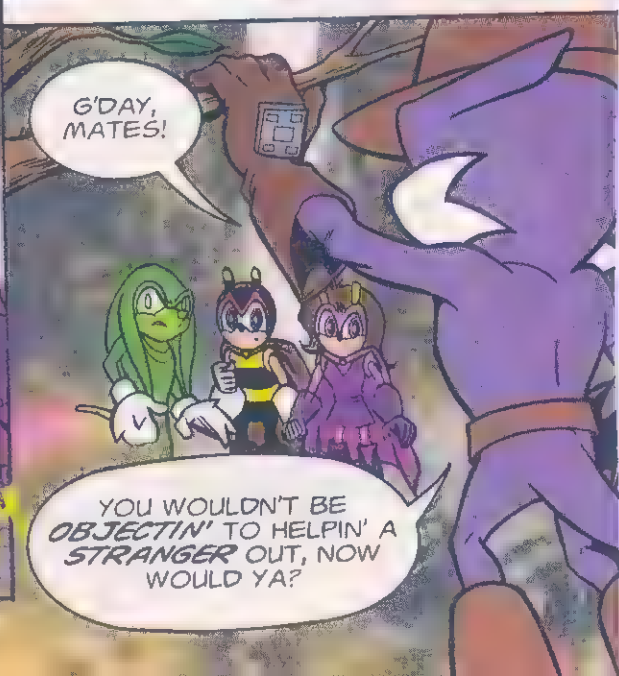
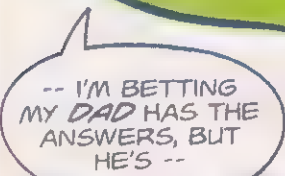
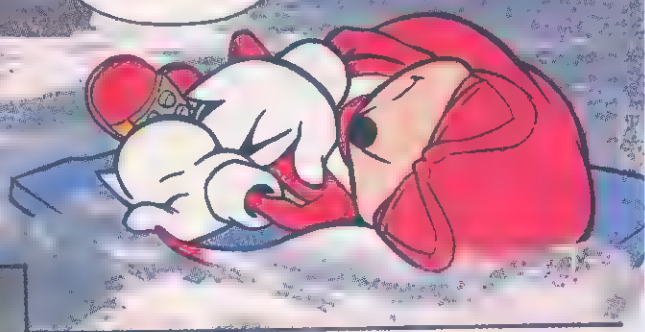
BEFORE I GO
ON, ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE
SAFRON --

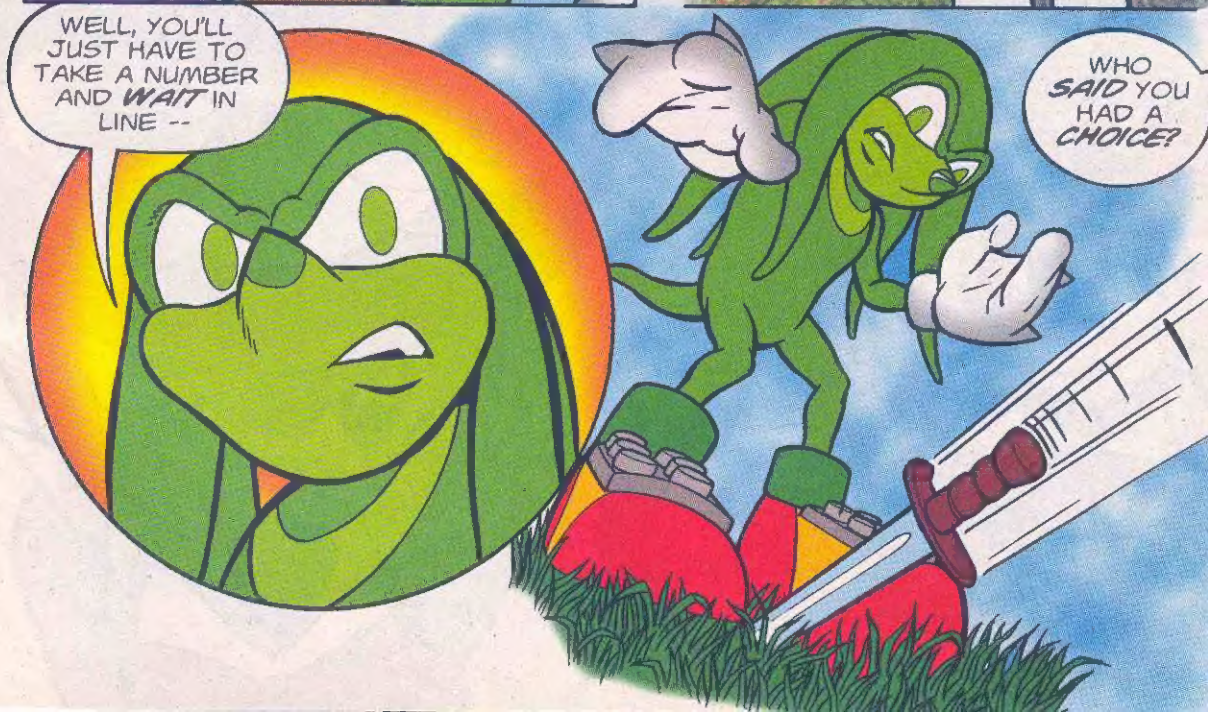
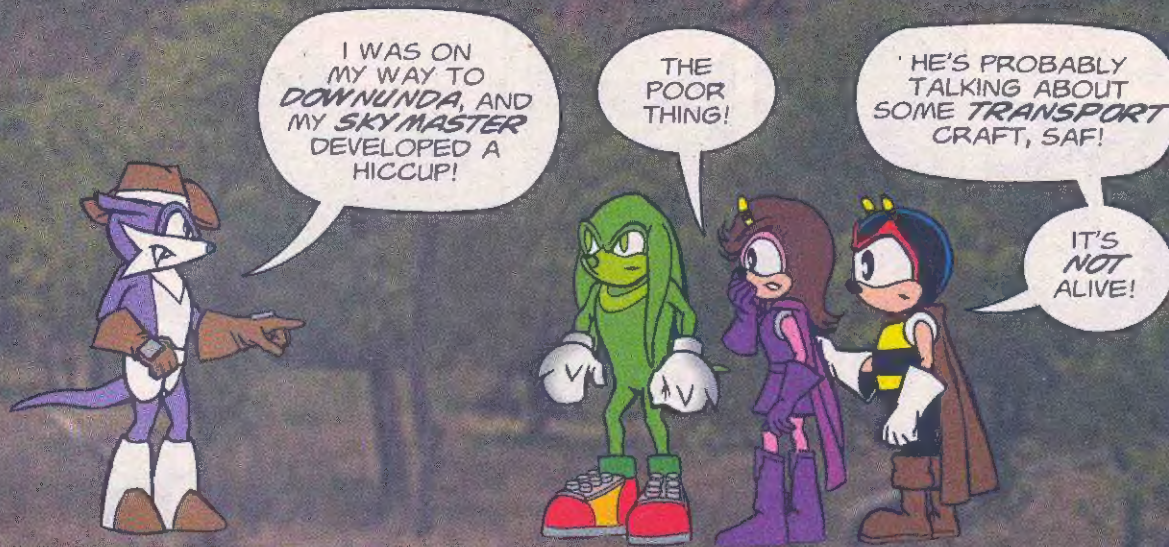
YOUR -- ?

YOU WERE
ON THE MONEY,
NACK --









SAAAAAY!
THAT WASN'T
FRIENDLY!



SEEMS LIKE
THE *WEASEL*
DOESN'T KNOW
HOW TO TAKE
"NO" FOR AN
ANSWER!

TOUGH!



LISTEN
TO YOUR
FRIEND,
MATE --



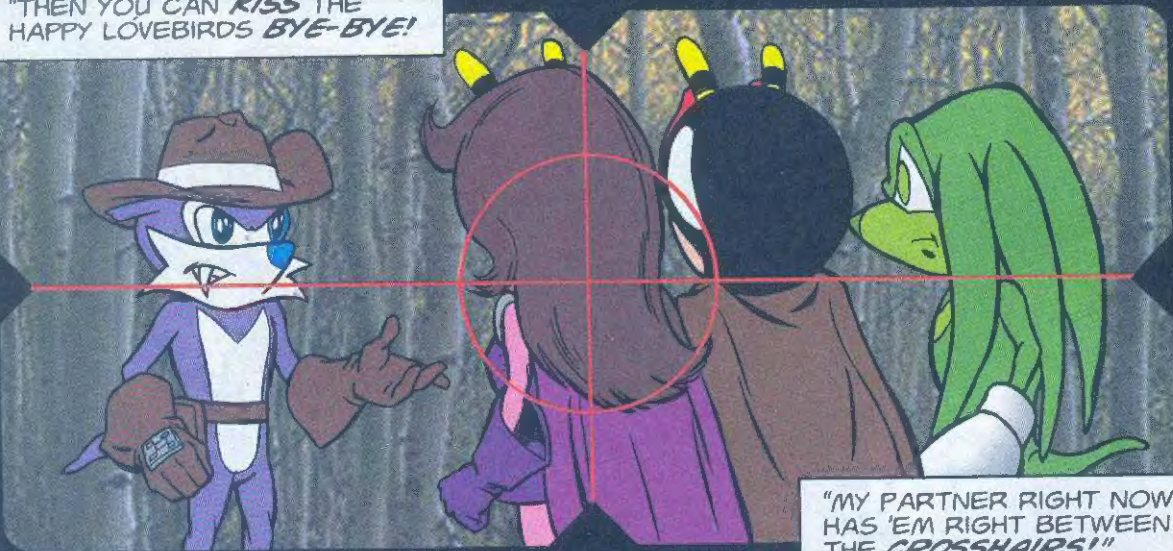
SUPPOSE
I DON'T WANT
TO?

THIS AIN'T *BEAN*
BAG WE'RE PLAYIN'!



YOU'LL
COME WITH
ME WHETHER
YOU *WANT* TO
OR *NOT*!

"THEN YOU CAN *KISS* THE
HAPPY LOVEBIRDS *BYE-BYE*!"



"MY PARTNER RIGHT NOW
HAS 'EM RIGHT BETWEEN
THE *CROSSHAIRS*!"

DON'T DO IT
ON ACCOUNT
OF US, KNUX!



TAKE A
HIKE AND
DO WHAT
YOU HAVE
TO!



KEEP IN
MIND WEASELS
NEVER BLUFF,
ECHIDNA!



SO
WHAT'S IT
GOING TO
BE?



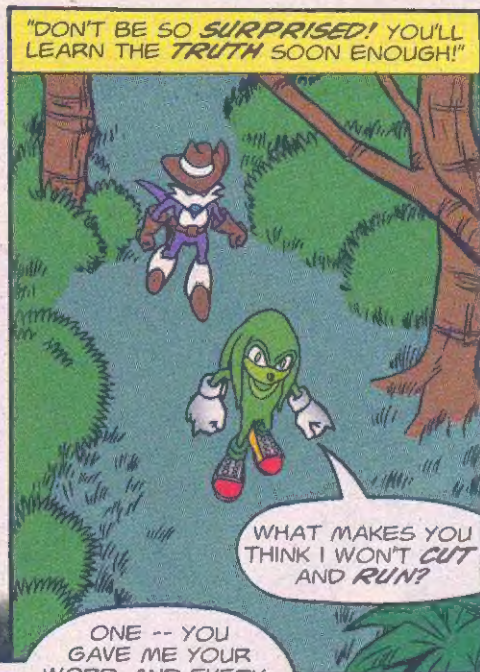
NACK
DID
IT!

WHO'D
HAVE
GUESSED
IT'D BE THIS
EASY?



NOT QUITE!
THE **HARD**
PART IS **YET**
TO COME!

WHA -- ?!!



"DON'T BE SO *SURPRISED!* YOU'LL
LEARN THE *TRUTH* SOON ENOUGH!"

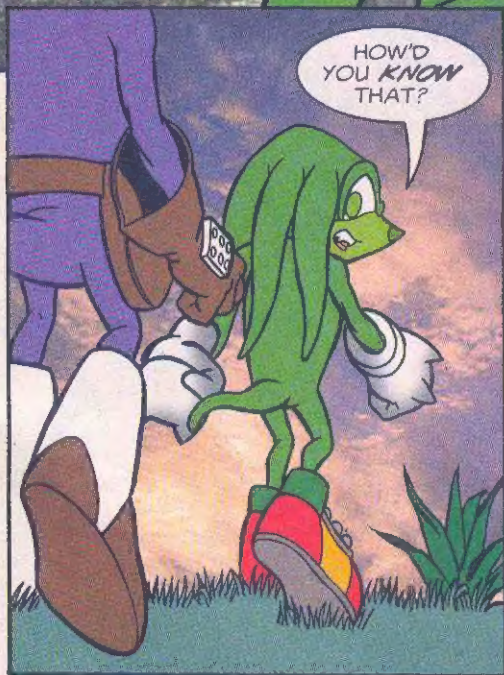
WHAT MAKES YOU
THINK I WON'T **CUT**
AND **RUN**?

ONE -- YOU
GAVE ME YOUR
WORD, AND EVERY-
ONE **KNOWS** A
GUARDIAN'S WORD
IS HIS BOND!

AND TWO --
I GOT TWO INNOCENTS
WHO SAY YOU WON'T IN
CASE YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHAT
"**IS**" IS!



"GUARDIAN?"



HOW'D
YOU **KNOW**
THAT?



BECAUSE
WE TOLD
HIM!

YOU?

HEY!
HANDS OFF THE
MERCHANDISE UNTIL
YOU FORK OVER THE
DOUGH-RE-MI!

-- YANAR?

AND
GALA-NA?!!

DON'T MAKE THIS
ANY MORE **DIFFICULT**
THAN IT ALREADY IS,
KNUCKLES!

YOU WIELD
POWER FAR BEYOND YOUR
COMPREHENSION, MAKING YOU
A **DANGER** TO EVERYONE
AND EVERYTHING!

SINCE YOU ARE
ONE OF US, IT'S OUR
RESPONSIBILITY TO
ENSURE THAT DOESN'T
COME TO PASS,
THEREFORE --

-- YOU WILL BE
SUBJECTED TO THE
CHAOS SYPHON, AND
MAY **AURORA** HERSELF
HAVE MERCY ON
YOUR SOUL!

TAKE
YOUR **PAYMENT**,
WEASEL!

JUST MAKE
SURE YOU AND YOUR
SISTER **FORGET**
THIS MATTER EVER
OCCURRED!

